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Whereas for over 350 years the Nation's firefighters have dedicated their lives to the safety of their fellow Americans;

Whereas throughout the Nation's history many firefighters have fallen in the line of duty, leaving behind family members and friends who have grieved their untimely losses;

Whereas these individuals served with pride and honor as volunteer and career firefighters;

Whereas until 1980 there was not a national tribute to honor these heroes for their acts of valor or a support system to help the families of these heroes rebuild their lives;

Whereas in 1992 Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to lead a nationwide effort to remember the Nation's fallen firefighters through a variety of activities;

Whereas each year the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation hosts an annual memorial service to honor the memory of all firefighters who die in the line of duty and bring support and counseling to their families;

Whereas in 2002 the memorial service will take place the weekend of October 5 and 6;

Whereas 446 fallen firefighters, including firefighters from 34 States, will be honored in 2002; and

Whereas many of their family members are expected to attend the memorial service: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That Congress supports the goals and ideas
 3 of a day of tribute to all firefighters who have died in the
 4 line of duty and recognizes the important mission of the

- 1 National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in assisting fam-
- 2 ily members to overcome the loss of their fallen heroes.

Passed the House of Representatives October 2,
2002.

Attest:

Clerk.